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Dear Mr. Salvaggio: 

Thank you for your April 30, 1998 State Implementation Plan SIP submittal, supplemented on August 21, 1998. This submittal contains the "Phase II" plan for the Pennsylvania portion of the Philadelphia severe ozone nonattainment area. This submittal addresses both the rate-of-progress reduction required by section 182 of the Clean Air Act, and the requirements described in the March 2, 1995 memorandum from EPA Assistant Administrator Mary Nichols outlining EPA's alternative attainment demonstration policy.

I want to express my appreciation for your continued efforts to address the Philadelphia area's ozone nonattainment problem. My staff is now reviewing the submittal to assess its approvability. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact me. If members of your staff have any questions, they may direct them to Maria Pino, Ozone & Mobile Sources Branch, at (215) 814-2181.

Sincerely,



Judith M. Katz, Director
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